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April 8, 2012 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Christopher R. Fitzgerald, I.C.

Priests of the Institute of Charity (Rosminians)

Deacon Jerry Thomas Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration

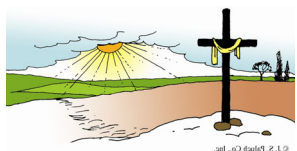
Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 7

Easter Vigil Mass

8:30 p.m. †Carol Oliver
by Dean & Tracey Lucchesi

Sunday April 8

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. †Hugh & Virginia Bowdoin
by Don & Rae Bowdoin
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m. †Pierre Casagrande
by Josette Casagrande
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

No Evening Mass

Monday April 9

8:00 a.m. †Carl & Mamie Tramberg
by Marlene Hill

Tuesday April 10

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for
Matt Peckos & Family
by Tom & Theresa Peckos

Wednesday April 11

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Jerry
by Maria & Chito Ocampo

Thursday April 12

8:00 a.m. †Bud Doege
by The Family
6:30 Spanish Mass

Friday April 13

8:00 a.m. †Pelagio Papillero Sr.
by Leny Jensen

Saturday April 14

4:30 p.m. Tithing Parishioners of
St. Francis of Assisi
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday April 15

7:30 a.m. †Jimmy Connors
by Carmen Connors
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m. †Harry Washington
by Virginia Morrison
4:30 p.m. †James Douglas
by Joyce Womack & Jean Hunt

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Fr. Chris Fitzgerald, Judy Melendez, Heidi Louise Allard, Pat Allen, Colleen Miller, Jeannie Mossholder, Barclay, Mary Baron, Barbara Jim Noffsinger, Helen Bauer, Ernest Berard, Bonnie O'Connor, Jacob Orth, Beaudry, Mary Bonner, Britany Bourassa, Don Bowdoin, Marilynn Pasden, Evon Perry, Kathy Petrus, Rev. Joseph Presley, I.C., Lillian Pezzutti, Jimmy & James Burke, Michael Casagrande, Mary Ann Casale, William Castillo, Mary Price, Pat Racic, Julia Casale, William Castillo, Rafferty, Jimmie Rydzewski, Frank Celani, Eileen Cianciatto, Carmen Connors, Fr. Enrique Sandoval, Bill Sbuttoni, Catherine Schaefer, David Czartorynski, Donna George Silva, Josie Silva, Davis, Tony Decavalno, Mike Silva, Jeanne Steadham, Chloe Delaney, Edward DeMars, Delia Devine, Tristan Evelyn Steen, Stanton Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Richard Dickerson, Tony Diolosa, David Tart, Dixie Townsend, Catherine & Harry Donohue, Keith Tyner, Sr., Keith Tyner, James Evans, Edith Ferris, Bernard & Marilyn Ferris, Jr., Betty Valleri, Eddie Jeannine Fournier, Kenny Vazquez, Al Veinotte, Alice Gay, Mary Geraci, Deacon Veinotte, Lucy Vessa, Gabriel Jim Hassett, Bette Hazzard, Wagner, Barbara Wellen, Debbie Herrick Haggerty, Margaret Wells, Kathleen Marlene Hill, Charlie Homs, Wright, Mary Woodard, Don Juettner, Theresa Mary Zani, Justin Zeigler, Jurewicz, Dorothy Landis, Mildred Zimmerman and the Harvey Leidolf, Carol Lukban, Nancy Marino, Pete Homebound and their Caregivers and the repose of the McAteer, Olga McDermott, soul of Darien Engelberger. John McFaul, Hector

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Daniel Hutton	Jeff Calvani
Karen Castillo	Robert Lewis
Jarred Taracido	Greg Bender
Joseph Michalek	Shawn Fleegel
Brandon Trinkle	Ryan Hurley
Juan Cruz	J.P. Zotomayor
Christian Morelo	Helen Castillo
Adam Murray	Derrick M. Shea
Kris Urquhart	Rafael E. Santiago
Stefan Tyska	Nathan Berry
Mickey Reese	Devon Michael Callicot
John Openlander Jr.	Matt Daniels
John Andrew Marple	Jack Vine
James E. Desaulniers	Jesse Witt
Joshua J. Desaulniers	Bernard Ferris, Jr.
Lawrence Morgan Null	Brittany L. Jones Baker
Raymond Barreto Chang	Adam Baker
Christopher Heacox	Aran Miller
Ryan Levy Cruz	Dan Holder
James Angelo	Jesse Doyle



Today's Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: **The Lord is risen** (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

Rejoice and Be Glad

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118;
 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

The Victor

Today the Victor o'er his foes
 For human consolation rose. Alleluia.
 —*Surrexit Christus hodie*

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a **special welcome** to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

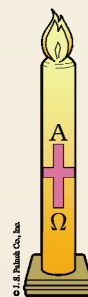
Registration is very easy and the green "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

Treasures From Our Tradition

It has been said that the most convincing sign of the Risen Christ is the Risen Christian. Today, in parishes around the world, new life is drawn from the waters of baptism, and new Christians are thrilled to see the crowds pour in to join in the feast.

On Easter, we do not say the Creed, but rather renew our baptismal promises

with hearty responses. We are taking the first joyful steps on a fifty-day-long celebration. In the southern hemisphere, the world is slipping into winter, but for us in North America, the earth itself seems to sing hymns to Christ's victory. Look this morning for the fresh paschal candle standing near the baptismal waters. It was consecrated in the hours of the night, will burn brightly for fifty days whenever we gather for prayer, and will glow again at every baptism and every funeral in the year ahead. Even though we may be gathered around the candle someday in sadness, today's joy at Christ's victory over death will shine through.



The Return of Easter

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

~*Frederick Temple*

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

~*Psalm 118:17*

Ministries Schedule April 14th & April 15th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Hussey, M.**Altar Servers:** LePochat, P.; Wayne, K.**Lector:** Pecorelli, A.**E.M.H.C.:** Hussey; Lanctot; Murray, G.; Subko; Toles, C. & C.; Barrow**Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Veinotte, T.**Altar Servers:** Haladay, B.**Lector:** Raynor, M.**E.M.H.C.:** Angelo, J. & J.; Veinotte**Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Ellis, P.**Altar Servers:** O'Connor, D.; O'Connor, J.**Lector:** Ellis, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Shoemaker; Blair; Boucher; Bull; Ellis; Kroll; Leone; Plourde**Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Oliu, M.**Altar Servers:** Kemp, D.; Nieves, E.**Lector:** Molitor, D.**E.M.H.C.:** Quintas, J. & T.; St. Amant, G. & P.; Vazquez; DiRisio; Monaldi, F. & J.**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Williams, C.**Altar Servers:** Mayo, D.; Lukban, C.**Lector:** Murray, A.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat, Lukban, McDonough**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday:3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday:7:30 a.m. or

Anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the SickFor those going into the hospital for surgery:
available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.**Baptisms**

After required instruction, contact parish office.

MarriageContact office at least six months before desired
date and before setting date.**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**April 8 — 14, 2012****Sunday
April 8****Blessed Easter!****Monday
April 9**

Women's Emaus Group 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday
April 10**

Legion of Mary 8:30 a.m.

Women's Guild 7:00 p.m.

Pope John XXIII Prayer Grp. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday
April 11**

Dinner for the Needy 4:30 p.m.

RCIA 7:15 p.m.

Hispanic Marriage Group 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday
April 12**

Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus 6:45 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

I.C. Aspirants Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.

Hispanic Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

**Friday
April 13**

MOM'S Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday
April 14**

I.C. Ascribed Meeting 10:00a.m.

Hispanic Faith Formation 5:00 p.m.

Hispanic Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

Saints and Special ObservancesSunday: Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

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Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Women's Guild MeetingThe Women's Guild cordially invites all the women
of the parish to the next monthly meeting to be held
Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the North Wing.
Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!**Bible Study**Join Deacon Dick, **each Thursday after 8 a.m.**
morning Mass, for Bible Study.*"The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of
finding our duty."*
~St. Basil the Great

Pro-Life Events

Sponsored by *LifeCare* of Brandon

- ♦ **Celebration Tea** (for Women and Teens) on Saturday, April 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon.
- ♦ **Walk-for-Life** on Saturday, May 12th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Brandon Center, located at 122 North Moon Avenue.
- ♦ **Volunteers Needed** as female life-coaches, married couples as Family Coaches, and men to serve as mentors to young fathers.

For further information please contact Marilyn Pasden at 685-6595 or Betsie Welch at 417-6372.

Join Us as We Connect Our Families



Please be part of our new **Family Directory** — we need **YOU** to make our new family album complete! *Lifetouch* will be here at St. Francis **April 17th—21st** to photograph you and your family. **This will be the last week to be photographed!** Sign up to be photographed through the parish web site: www.stfranciscc.com and click on the “Portrait Sign Up” link or call Sue Soleau at 689-6914. *Portraits are valued family keepsakes!*

Christians of the Holy Land

It would be a blessing if you can celebrate the Vigil Mass of Easter in Jerusalem at the Sepulcher Church. Holy Saturday in Arabic is known as “Saturday of the Light”. Parishioners would fill the Church, courtyard and the roof. When the Patriarch exits the Tomb with the Light, lit by the Holy Spirit, at hand, passing it from one candle to the next, there is a frantic euphoria of happiness and redemption. On Holy Saturday our focus is on the Tomb of Christ. This is no ordinary grave. It is not a place of corruption, decay and defeat. It is life-giving, a source of power, victory and liberation. I encourage you to visit this Tomb and stand in solidarity with the Christian Palestinians. Do NOT deprive yourself of touching what Christ touched literally! I ask you this Easter and the next 50 days, to remember the Christian character of the Holy Land in your prayers, namely the Christian Palestinians, and our Holy Sites commemorating Jesus’ earthly journey. Happy Easter. Peace,

Rami Qumsieh, B.Eng.

A concerned Catholic Palestinian from Bethlehem

St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: Francis, how about a message of hope from your saintly lips for the parishioners of St. Francis during this Easter season?

Francis: What a nice idea, Bluey, but that’s the pastor’s job, right?

Blue Jay: He defers to you, Francis, this year.

Francis: What a nice man! Okay, let me see:

I believe that the feast of Easter gives us a true image of what the Christian life should be.

I mean, Holy Week is the story of our lives: we are applauded at times, like Jesus entering Jerusalem, we are betrayed at times by friends like Judas, let down by friends like Pe-

ter, we suffer fear and desolation during tough times, like Jesus suffered on Calvary—are you with me so far, Bluey?

Blue Jay: right on, Francis—what a sad life we live.

Francis: Sad, yes, if we stop at Good Friday. The story cannot stop there. Death is not the end but a new, glorious beginning—Jesus rose from the dead, rising above all the pain and evil He had suffered, winning that same hope and glory for all of us who follow Him.

Blue Jay: What a lovely story, our lovely story, Francis.

Francis: All praise to Jesus, risen from the dead, Amen, Alleluia!

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Maria LePochat	651-9813
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlandsson	661-3091
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Judy Harris	653-0055
Hispanic Ministry	
Sonia Barroso	651-4038
Hispanic Religious Education	
Cristina Garcia	662-6195
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla	657-0218
Home/Hospital Visitation	
Monica & David Brandies	654-1969
Knights of Columbus	
John Wilbur	685-8786
Lectors	
Alice Murray	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Henri Plourde	689-3374
Pastoral Council	
John Angelo	684-2774
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva	649-8957
RCIA	
Deacon Dick Beaudry	689-0769
Respect Life	
Marlene Hill	684-8628
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	
John Familetti	681-9115
Ushers	
Don Parker	689-6758
Women's Guild	
Theresa Redgrave	409-3255
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz	655-4968

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute, **Evelyn Patino, Sacristan...** *Thank you, Evelyn!!*

Stewardship Reflection

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." ~Psalm 118:1

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and arose for us. We celebrate and sing *"Alleluia."*

But how do we show our gratitude all year to the Lord who spread out His arms on the cross to save us and show us the way to salvation?

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, March 25, 2012

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$10,039.32
Children's' & Youth Envelope/Contents	2/\$2.00
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$1,383.00
Total Collections for this week	\$11,424.32
Total Collections, week of 2011	\$9,837.00
Increase	\$1,587.32
Envelopes Issued/Used	830/289(34%)
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$57,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date	\$42,730.02
APA 2012	\$1,280.00
On Line Giving/APA 2012	\$230.00
Total APA 2012	\$1,510.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$187.00
On Line Giving/Catholic Relief Services	\$103.00
Total Catholic Relief Services	\$290.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 270	6:30 p.m. 285
7:30 a.m. 112	9:00 a.m. 195
11:00 a.m. 310	4:30 p.m. 194

Total Attendance: 1,366



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~ For the Week of March 25, 2012 ~

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Thanks to all who so generously support our
Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because
of your support, we are able to help those in need.

Thank you and God bless!!

Next Sunday Afternoon, April 15, 2012
Come, Hear and Celebrate
The Feast of Divine Mercy

On February 22, 1931, a young Polish nun, **Sr. Faustina Kowalski**, saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, **"Jesus, I Trust in You!"**

Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy, He ordered her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. In a series of revelations, He taught her that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners and He revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy.

The Feast of Divine Mercy—Jesus requested that the Sunday following Easter be officially established as the **Feast of Divine Mercy** and He told Faustina, **"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open to those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy."**

The Image of Divine Mercy—Jesus said, **"By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls, so let every soul have access to it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image shall not perish.. because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."**



The Divine Mercy Chaplet—Our Lord taught Sr. Faustina a special prayer for mercy: **"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet... whoever will recite it will receive great mercy... at the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet, or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same."**

The Hour of Great Mercy—Our Lord asked for special prayer at the hour that recalls His death: **"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners: and; if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in Virtue of My Passion."**

JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS
Here at St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, April 15th, 2012

CONFESSIONS begin at 2:00 p.m.

ROSARY starts at 2:30 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** begins with exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament** and veneration of the **Divine Mercy Image**,
following with a brief discussion of the **Message of Divine Mercy**,
and concluding about **3:45 PM**